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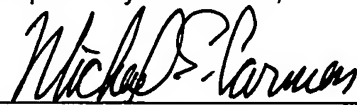
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	5,082,669	01/21/92	SHIRAI ET AL.			
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